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2004/1
Reporting on the UNDP multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the strategically designed approach to the results-oriented annual report (ROAR) that has been presented by UNDP and looks forward to further discussing this matter by the time of the June session;

2. *Stresses* that ROAR reporting should provide Member States with factual analysis of the development effectiveness of UNDP activities and the institutional effectiveness of the organization;

3. *Stresses also* that the UNDP evaluation functions should support the ROAR process by focusing on the evaluation of UNDP activities and effectiveness;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP, in collaboration with the Executive Director of UNFPA and the Executive Director of UNIFEM, and in consultation with Member States, to explore options for reporting on results in a harmonized manner, each within its respective mandate, and to report on this issue at the annual session 2004 of the Executive Board.

30 January 2004

2004/2
Assistance to Myanmar

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* Governing Council decision 93/21 and Executive Board decisions 98/14, 2001/15 and 2003/2;

2. *Recognizes* the development needs of the people of Myanmar;

3. *Takes note* of the Note of the Administrator on Assistance to Myanmar (DP/2004/8) and the Report by the independent assessment mission to Myanmar, in particular the strategic challenges and recommendations mentioned therein;

4. *Requests* that the Administrator take account of the findings of the independent assessment mission, as appropriate, during phase IV of the Human Development Initiative.

30 January 2004

2004/3

United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) on implementation of the 2003 UNOPS budget (DP/2004/6) and the encouraging estimated financial results for 2003;

2. *Takes note also* of the revised budget estimates for the biennium 2004-2005 and *requests* the Executive Director of UNOPS to submit to the Board, at its annual session 2004, an update on the budget estimates, including a critical assessment of the business projections for 2004-2005;

3. *Further takes note* of the full response to the recommendations set out in the report of the independent review, the strategy for business acquisition, progress in implementing internal change, the comprehensive timetable and benchmarks for monitoring progress;

4. *Approves* the detailed budget of $8.4 million (DP/2004/7) for the longer-term change process and the modalities for meeting its cost;

5. *Approves* the expansion of the mandate of UNOPS to cooperate directly with regional and subregional development banks on a pilot basis, *encourages* UNOPS to ensure close consultation with resident coordinators, and *requests* the Executive Director of UNOPS to provide an update on progress in his report to the Executive Board at its annual session 2004;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNOPS to continue to facilitate a broader consultation process between UNOPS, the Executive Board and other stakeholders concerning the vision, mandate and governance of UNOPS, and to report on these consultations to the annual session 2004.

30 January 2004

2004/4

UNDP and UNFPA: Recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/2004/11) and the United Nations Population Fund (DP/FPA/2004/1) on implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2000-2001;

2. *Stresses* the importance of adequate follow-up to the recommendations by the United Nations Board of Auditors.

30 January 2004

2004/5

Follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the reports of UNDP (DP/2004/13) and UNFPA (DP/FPA/2004/5) as an important step towards a more consistent response of the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

2. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA to provide more detailed information in their respective annual reports 2004 on how the two organizations, working in cooperation with relevant stakeholders – in particular the other co-sponsors of UNAIDS – will act on the recommendations made by the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) during its fourteenth meeting in June 2003;

3. *Further requests* UNDP and UNFPA to make the PCB recommendations available to the Executive Board as an annex to their reports under this agenda item, regularly scheduled during the September meeting of the Executive Board.

30 January 2004

2004/6

Reports to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the UNDP Administrator (E/2004/4-DP/2004/12) and the UNFPA Executive Director (E/2004/5-DP/FPA/2004/2) to the Economic and Social Council, and *requests* the secretariat to transmit them to the Economic and Social Council, together with a summary of the discussion at this session;

2. *Stresses* the great importance that it attaches to the upcoming TCPR process and the special contribution of UNDP and UNFPA to attaining the Millennium Development Goals[1], within their respective mandates;

[1]Internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

3. *Encourages* UNDP and UNFPA to participate actively in supporting that process by, inter alia, sharing all relevant evaluative and other material in the United Nations Secretariat.

30 January 2004

2004/7

UNFPA multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on the UNFPA multi-year funding framework (MYFF), 2004-2007 (DP/FPA/2004/4);

2. *Endorses* the MYFF, 2004-2007, as contained in this report, and *welcomes* the focus on the three results areas of reproductive health, population and development, and gender as key requirements for poverty eradication;

3. *Welcomes* also the mainstreaming of gender equality, adolescent reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention into the three results areas;

4. *Affirms* that the MYFF is to serve as the main policy document of UNFPA, as well as a strategic resource and management tool;

5. *Welcomes* the MYFF as a key tool for directing the work of UNFPA in assisting countries in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)[1], the key actions of ICPD+5[2] and in advancing the Millennium Development Goals[3];

6. *Welcomes* the strengthened support to national development frameworks and *underlines* the importance of strengthening this further through, inter alia, capacity-building and the development of partnerships;

7. *Recognizes* the efforts by UNFPA to establish strategic partnerships to implement the MYFF and *requests* UNFPA to further strengthen collaboration with other United Nations agencies, in line with its mandate and based on its comparative advantages;

8. *Approves* the integrated resources framework for 2004-2007, as contained in this report, and encourages all countries to assist UNFPA to reach a total figure of regular and other resources of $1,523 million for the period 2004-2007, including through multi-year pledges by countries in a position to make them;

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[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, sales no. E.95.XIII.18, chapter I, resolution 1, annex).

[2] General Assembly resolution A/RES/S-21/2, Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted on 2 July 1999.

[3] Internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

9. *Stresses* the importance of core resources to the effective implementation of the MYFF and *encourages* all countries in a position to do so, to increase their contributions to the core resources of UNFPA;

10. *Appreciates* the continued and increased focus of UNFPA on results-based management and *requests* UNFPA to further develop, as part of its annual report, measurable quantitative and qualitative performance indicators related to organizational effectiveness;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNFPA, in collaboration with the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNIFEM, and in consultation with Member States, to explore options for reporting on results in a harmonized manner, each within its respective mandate, and report on this issue at the annual session 2004 of the Executive Board.

30 January 2004

2004/8

UNFPA intercountry programme, 2004-2007

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* the proposed UNFPA intercountry programme, 2004-2007, as contained in document DP/FPA/2004/3, in the amount of $226 million, of which $124 million will be programmed from the regular resources of UNFPA, to the extent that resources are available, and *encourages* the Executive Director of UNFPA to seek the balance of $102 million, if necessary, through co-financing and other resources;

2. *Requests* UNFPA to further develop a results-based management system for planning, monitoring and evaluating the intercountry programme, 2004-2007, to ensure that future reporting is performance oriented, bearing in mind the need for synergies between the intercountry programme and the country programmes.

30 January 2004

2004/9

Evaluation: Management response to the report *Millennium Development Goal reports: an assessment*

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report *Millennium Development Goal reports: an assessment* and of the management response contained in document DP/2004/3 prepared at the request of the Executive Board in its decision 2003/29;

2. *Requests* UNDP to provide further substantive information at the annual session 2004 on the report *Millennium Development Goal reports: an assessment* to allow for further discussion;

3. *Decides* to include the topic "UNDP cooperation with Member States in the preparation of the MDG reports" in the agenda of the Executive Board at its annual session 2005 and *requests* UNDP to prepare a report on the topic, taking into account the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review during the 59th session of the General Assembly.

30 January 2004

2004/10

UNIFEM multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007

The Executive Board

1. *Notes with appreciation* the results achieved by the United Nations Development Fund for Women in implementing its Strategy and Business Plan 2000-2003, as contained in document DP/2004/CRP.3;

2. *Stresses* that the United Nations Development Fund for Women's comparative advantage is its innovative and catalytic mandate to support the fulfillment of commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment;

3. *Endorses* the strategic direction and priorities set out in the strategic results framework of the multi-year funding framework 2004-2007, as contained in DP/2004/5;

4. *Particularly encourages* the United Nations Development Fund for Women to further strengthen and focus its partnerships within the United Nations system including the United Nations Development Group in order to enhance women's empowerment, human rights and gender equality at all levels and advises all United Nations entities to call upon the United Nations Development Fund for Women in its areas of comparative advantage;

5. *Welcomes* the UNIFEM strategic approach to becoming an effective resource to programme countries and United Nations organizations in bringing, under the leadership and ownership of the programme countries, a gender equality perspective to coordination mechanisms such as the Common Country Assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the national poverty reduction strategies;

6. *Encourages* UNIFEM, within its mandate, to contribute to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)[1];

[1] Internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

7. *Notes with appreciation* the effort made by United Nations Development Fund for Women and United Nations Development Programme to work together in partnership in those areas where synergy can strengthen progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment and *encourages* the two organizations to pursue closer cooperation;

8. *Reiterates* that regular resources are the bedrock of UNIFEM and essential to maintaining the multilateral, neutral and universal nature of its work;

9. *Approves* the integrated resources framework for 2004-2007 contained in report DP/2004/5 and encourages all countries in a position to do so to assist the United Nations Development Fund for Women to reach the targeted level of regular and other resources of 177.5 million United States dollars for the period 2004-2007, including through multi-year pledges by countries in a position to make them;

10. *Welcomes* the appointment by the General Assembly of the new Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as contained in document A/58/PV.75;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNIFEM, in collaboration with the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA, and in consultation with Member States, to explore options for reporting on results in a harmonized manner, each within its respective mandate, and to report on this issue at the annual session 2004 of the Executive Board.

30 January 2004

2004/11

Review of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health

The Executive Board

1. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in document DP/FPA/2004/CRP.1 to discontinue the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health;

2. *Recommends* that the secretariats of WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA continue to strengthen their coordination in the area of health.

30 January 2004

2004/12

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2004

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the first regular session 2004, it:

Item 1
Organizational matters

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2004:

President:	H.E. Mr. Abdullah M. Alsaidi (Yemen)
Vice-President:	Ms. Gabriela Tanjala (Romania)
Vice-President:	Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru)
Vice-President:	Mr. Thure Christiansen (Denmark)
Vice-President:	Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon)

Approved the agenda and work plan for its first regular session 2004 (DP/2004/L.1 and Corr.1);

Approved the report of the second regular session 2003 (DP/2004/1);

Approved the annual work plan 2004 (DP/2004/CRP.1);

Approved the tentative work plan for the annual session 2004;

Agreed to the following schedule of forthcoming sessions of the Executive Board in 2004:

Annual session 2004:	14-23 June 2004
Second regular session 2004:	20-24 September 2004

UNDP segment

Item 2
Evaluation

Adopted decision DP/2004/9 of 30 January 2004 on evaluation: management response to the assessment of the Millennium Development Goal reports;

Item 3
Multi-year funding framework

Adopted decision 2004/1 of 30 January 2004 on reporting on the UNDP multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007;

Item 4
United Nations Development Fund for Women

Adopted decision 2004/10 of 30 January 2004 on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007;

Item 5
Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programmes:

Africa: Benin, the Central African Republic, Kenya, Niger, the Republic of the Congo and Sierra Leone;

Arab States: Djibouti;

Asia and the Pacific: Pakistan and Thailand;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Croatia, Lithuania, Poland and the Russian Federation;

Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador;

Took note of the one-year extensions of the second country cooperation frameworks for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and of the first one-year extension of the first subregional cooperation framework for the countries of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and Barbados (DP/2004/9);

Approved a two-year extension of the second country cooperation framework for Guyana (DP/2004/9);

Approved a one-year extension of the second cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries (DP/CF/TCDC/2/EXTENSION 1);

Adopted decision 2004/2 of 30 January 2004 on assistance to Myanmar;

Item 6
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2004/3 of 30 January 2004 on the United Nations Office for Project Services;

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 7
Recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors

Took note of the report of the United Nations Office for Project Services on follow-up to the report on the implementation of recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2001-2002 (DP/2004/10);

Adopted decision 2004/4 of 30 January 2004 on UNDP and UNFPA: Recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors;

Item 8
Reports to the Economic and Social Council

Adopted decision 2004/6 of 30 January 2004 on the reports of the UNDP Administrator and the UNFPA Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council;

Item 9
Follow-up to the meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Adopted decision 2004/5 on follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

UNFPA segment

Item 10
Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programmes:

Africa: Benin, the Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Niger and Sierra Leone;

Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan and Pakistan;

Latin America and the Caribbean: Cuba and Ecuador;

Adopted decision 2004/8 of 30 January 2004 on the UNFPA intercountry programme, 2004-2007;

Took note of the review of the UNFPA intercountry programme, 2000-2003 (DP/FPA/2004/3/Add.1);

Item 11
Multi-year funding framework

Adopted decision 2004/7 of 30 January 2004 on the UNFPA multi-year funding framework, 2004-2007;

Item 12
Other matters

Review of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health

Adopted decision 2004/11 of 30 January 2004 endorsing the discontinuation of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health;

Held the following informal briefings and consultations:

UNDP

Transforming the mainstream - Gender in UNDP;

Cost recovery of services;

UNFPA

Reproductive health commodity security;

Intercountry programme, 2000-2003; poverty reduction strategy papers; sector-wide approaches; and gender-based violence;

Making safe motherhood a reality: a partnership for policy and action;

Joint meeting

Held a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP on 23 and 26 January 2004 in which it addressed the following topics: HIV/AIDS: Regional initiatives; simplification and harmonization; resident coordinator system; and security.

30 January 2004

Tentative work plan
Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA
Annual session 2004
14 to 23 June 2004, Geneva

Day/Date	Time	Item	Subject
Monday, 14 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm		**UNDP SEGMENT**
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS - Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session - Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2004
		2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR - Annual report of the Administrator 2003 - Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit - Statistical annex
	3 to 6 pm	2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (continued)
Tuesday, 15 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	4	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP - Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP
	3 to 5 pm	8	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS - United Nations Volunteers - Report of the Administrator
	5 to 6 pm		INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
Wednesday, 16 June	10:00 - 1:00 pm	7	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES - Annual report of the Executive Director
	3 to 6 pm	3	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - Results-oriented annual report
Thursday, 17 June	10:00 - 12:00 pm	6	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT - Human Development Report (in accordance with GA resolution 57/264)
		9	EVALUATION - Follow-up to the management response to the evaluation of the role of UNDP in the PRSP process - Further information on the report *Millennium Development Goal reports: an assessment*
	12 – 1 pm		INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON GENDER IN UNDP
	3 to 5 pm	5	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS - Draft country programme documents - Extensions of country cooperation frameworks
	5 to 6 pm	17	TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - Report on the implementation of TCDC

Day/Date	Time	Item	Subject
Friday, 18 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm		**JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT**
		11	PROGRAMMING PROCESS - Report on progress in implementing decision 2001/11 - Report on joint programming
		18	JOINT PROPOSALS FOR MYFF REPORTING
		19	JOINT UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP MEETING: PROPOSAL FOR 2005 MEETING
	3 to 6 pm		PRESENTATION ON A TRANSITION COUNTRY
Monday, 21 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm		**UNFPA SEGMENT**
		13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Report of the Executive Director for 2003
	to 6 pm		SPECIAL EVENT
Tuesday, 22 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (continued)
		14	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNFPA - Report on funding commitments to UNFPA
	3 to 6 pm	15	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS - Draft country programme documents - Note on assistance to Myanmar
Wednesday, 23 June	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	16	EVALUATION - Periodic report on evaluation
			JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT
		10	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT - Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and oversight
		12	FIELD VISITS - Reports on field visits
	3 to 6 pm	20	OTHER MATTERS
			ADOPTION OF DECISIONS
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS